

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge comprising:

a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably accommodated in said tape cartridge; and

a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium,

wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and

chamfered portions are provided at edge portions of the opening of said clamp member, said chamfered portions ~~having a slope orthogonal to a plane passing between a center axis of the cylindrical body and a center line of the opening each comprising a planar surface enclosed by three edges, a first of said three edges being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and an end surface of said cylindrical body facing one of said collar portions, the second of said three edges being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and a side surface of said cylindrical body extending in the longitudinal direction of said opening, and the third of said three edges being formed between the planar surface of the chamfered portion and an outer peripheral surface of said cylindrical body.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said chamfered portions are provided at each of two side surfaces extending in the longitudinal direction of said opening and both of shoulders facing each other with said opening interposed therebetween.

4. (Original) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a length of said chamfered portion in a direction of the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 0.1 through 2 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) A tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a chamfering angle made between by a chamfering line of said chamfered portion and by the side surface extending in the longitudinal direction, falls within a range of 20 through 50 degrees.

6. - 8 (Canceled)

9. (New) A tape cartridge comprising:
a reel hub unit, for winding a tape-shaped recording medium on its periphery, rotatably accommodated in said tape cartridge; and
a leader member for holding and fixing a leading edge of the tape-shaped recording medium,

wherein said leader member includes a pin member having a pair of collar portions between which the tape-shaped recording medium is positioned, and a clamp member fitted in between said collar portions from through an opening so formed in a longitudinal direction of a cylindrical body as to extend to end surfaces on both sides of said cylindrical body, and clamping the tape-shaped recording medium between said pin member and said clamp member itself, and

at least one chamfered portion is provided at an end of said cylindrical body facing one of said collar portions, said at least one chamfered portion comprising a planar surface that comprises an end surface of said cylindrical body in proximity to one of said collar portions, said planar surface being positioned at an acute angle to a longitudinal axis of the cylindrical body and extending over a full cross-sectional area of the cylindrical body.